

## GOVERNANCE

As the CALFED Program evolves from program planning to program implementation, the need for a new governance structure is clear. How decisions are made and who makes them is essential to achieving the CALFED Program goals and an important assurance to stakeholders and elected officials.

Achievements in the area of governance include:

- The Implementation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed to accompany the ROD on August 28, 2000.
- Since the initial signing of the Implementation MOU, three additional state agencies have signed and become members of the CALFED Policy Group. The additional agencies are: Department of Health Services, Delta Protection Commission, and the State Reclamation Board.
- Agency lead roles and responsibilities for the conveyance program were established.

The long-term goal of CALFED is to establish a joint state-federal governance structure to oversee the long-term implementation of the CALFED Program. The intermediate first year goals were to complete an Implementation MOU by the time of the ROD, and propose legislation to establish a long-term governing structure. In the June 2000 Framework Agreement, the state and federal administrations agreed that a new joint federal-state commission should be created through state and federal legislation to oversee the long-term implementation of the CALFED Program.

**INTERIM GOVERNANCE:** Each agency that signed the MOU is a member of the CALFED Policy Group. The Policy Group provides Program oversight and coordination of Program implementation. Each CALFED agency retains its regulatory and management responsibilities. Nothing in the MOU affects these responsibilities and authorities. This agreement will continue until a long-term governance structure is established.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** The MOU identifies several programs that require further clarification of the roles and responsibilities for implementation by the CALFED agencies and Program staff. Agency leads for the conveyance program were established this year, and discussions are underway between the agencies and Program staff in order to meet the February 2001 deadlines for levee, drinking water quality, and watershed programs.